BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
October 4, 2016

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Department head quarterly visit - Police Chief, EMS Director
4. Consider approving agenda
5. Consider approving September 27, 2016 meeting minutes
6. Announcements
7. Receive guests (for non-agenda items)
8. Consider adopting Resolution #7-16 to approve a grant agreement on behalf of the Montessori School of Central Vermont
9. Consider approving a sub grant from the Town to the Montessori School of Central Vermont
10. Discuss Earth Waste & Metal lease
11. Discuss the transfer of school (recreational) property to the Town
12. Consider adopting Resolution #6-16 recognizing Town Manager Carl Rogers' 25 years of service.
13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
14. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any.
15. Round the table
16. Executive session (legal)
17. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
October 4, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of October 4, 2016 was scheduled and held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Westberville at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Rob LaClair, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Rolland Tessier, Tom White, and Paul White.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Clerk Deborah Lefebvre, Police Chief Michael Stevens, EMS Director Chris LaMonda, Town Attorney Michael Monte, Tina Thurston, Doug Farnham, Jeff Blow, Bill Crowther, William Kirby, and William Dodge.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Background: Quarterly the department heads provide information to the Selectboard with regards to what has been happening in their respective departments. Tonight the Police Chief and EMS Director will be presenting.

Police Chief - Chief Stevens noted the top five categories of calls were traffic stops, other agency assists, suspicious events, property watches and traffic accidents. He noted in particular that traffic accidents were not at the top of the list again. That may be in part due to police work being done (paid for) by an Occupant Protection Grant. This is an $18,000 grant used for traffic/safety enforcement work. An example is the intersection of Rt. 63 and Miller Rd.; when there is a police presence there, people do not run that stop sign. They also received a DUI Grant in the amount of $10,000.
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The department is losing two officers, one has resigned and gone to the Town of Berlin and another just submitted their resignation.

The format and content of the police department monthly report was discussed and the board agreed it would rather see more of a summary of how the department was doing without all the detail of each officer’s calls for example. They would also like to have the quarterly report in hand when the department is coming so they can review it.

It was asked of the Chief if the crime rate is high enough to consider a detective on the force, even if it’s part time. He thinks that has always been the case and perhaps they should talk about it at budget time.

It was asked if any of the tickets issued for animal complaints are being paid. There was no real answer for that.

EMS- Chris LaMonda noted that there had been an accident involving one of the ambulances. It has been looked at initially by the insurance company and an estimate made for repairs.

For future consideration he mentioned looking into getting the activating piece to be able to utilize the infrared strobe to change traffic lights for emergency vehicles. They are transferable to other vehicles.

The first of the two new ambulances is in service now and the second will go into service next week.

Sheila Brown has retired from the department and is in nursing school at VTC. She would like to come back after she completes her schooling, on a per diem basis.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda with the following changes:

A) Add an item in Miscellaneous to authorize the town manager to sign a grant agreement.

B) Move items 12, to follow item 4.

RESOLUTION #6-16 RECOGNIZING TOWN MANAGER CARL ROGERS’ 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

On a motion by Tom White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard to adopt Resolution #6-16, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BARRE, VERMONT IN APPRECIATION OF CARL ROGERS’ 25 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE TOWN OF BARRE.

Many of the audience members in attendance were there to congratulate and thank Carl.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes from September 27, 2016 with the following corrections:

1. Page 4 under REQUESTS FOR THE GRAND LIST, second sentence “The Assessor was asked by a resident”

2. Page 5 under BOARD OF TAX APPEAL HEARINGS, second sentence, “The Town Manager” not Manager.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Please note that Barre Town residents are still being asked to conserve water as much as possible at least through October 14. Barre City will re-evaluate at that
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time. Think of it as a good reason to repair any leaky faucets and toilets that run between flushes.

2. As your trees start dropping their leaves, remember that the lawn waste site on Holden Rd, a free service for Town residents, is open Wednesday afternoon 3-6pm, Thursday mornings 9am-noon and Saturday mornings from 8:00am to noon. On a few upcoming weekends, the site will be open on Saturdays 8am to 4 pm and on Sunday noon to 4 pm. Those weekend dates of extended hours are October 8 & 9, 15 & 16 and 22 & 23.

3. Early voting ballots are available. To have yours mailed to you, contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 479-9391 or email dileobvre@barrettown.org.

4. The last day to register to vote in the General Election is November 2nd. You can register to vote in person at the Town Clerk’s Office at 149 Websterville Rd, or online through the Vermont Secretary of State website. Just type “Vermont voter registration” into your favorite search engine, and click on the link to the Vermont Secretary of State’s website.

5. The Websterville Fire District has proposed that the Town of Barre take over that water system. The staffs of both entities have reviewed the costs and benefits of the merger and have concluded that it would result in a net benefit to current customers of both water systems, with a few caveats that have been built into the draft agreement documents. The Websterville Fire District and Barre Town will hold two joint public hearings on the proposed merger, on October 18th and November 1st. The public is invited to attend one or both of them.

6. On October 19 during its regularly scheduled meeting starting at 7 pm, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the proposed Town Plan Amendment. Information about the proposed amendments is posted on the town website on the Planning Commission page under Boards and Commissions.

7. The Recreation Board is planning a Fall Festival for Saturday, October 22. The Festival will be held from 3 pm to 6:30 pm in the Town Recreation Area near the picnic shelter. Check the website for details. Two words: pumpkin bowling. You’re not going to want to miss this.

GUESTS - None

ITEMS 8 AND 9 REGARDING THE MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF CENTRAL VERMONT

These items were passed over tonight. The language in the agreement and sub agreement was not the same as discussed. The school and now the state grant person acknowledge it was done wrong. The Town Manager hopes to have corrected copies for next week. He will also ask that at least one person from the Montessori School be present at the meeting.

EARTH WASTE & METAL LEASE

Background: At previous meetings the Selectboard has indicated they would like to have a four year lease, with a provision that allows the agreement to transfer to another property if both sides agree. Updates related to their proposed compactor include: 1) Earth Waste & Metal has confirmed that they themselves will not be bringing in any material to the site. We are still waiting to hear whether they will
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2) ANR conducted a permit review for the project. An Act 250 administrative amendment will be required; additional permits or permit amendments may be required from the stormwater, solid waste, and air pollution divisions, also a license from Agency of Ag Weights and Measure, Gas Pumps, Scales. We are in communication with Earth Waste about these requirements.

Discussion covered the proposed changes to the lease agreement including a new access through the property, transfer of the agreement to another location in the Town, term of 48 months, an updated Trash Collection Recycling Services statement to be provided to the Town by November 1, 2016, free disposal of tires from Green Up Day up to 250, and secondary containment to prevent contamination.

The Compactor consent as presented looks good.

SCHOOL PROPERTY TRANSFER

Background: The Town and the School need to agree on the amount and boundaries of land that will be transferred. Chris Violette prepared three options (which all take into account sufficient setback from the access road and parking lot for snow storage):

- Option 1 would keep the transfer focused on recreation areas only, transfer about 30.5 acres to the Town and leave the school with about 55.5 acres.
- Option 2 would expand the transfer to include all of the school forest, transfer about 70 acres to the Town, and leave the school with 16 acres. Chris Violette flagged that this option would leave the school with essentially no flexibility for growth; they would be at about 34% impermeable surface and our zoning regulations only allow up to 35%.
- Option 3 would include most of the school forest, but keeps enough forest with the school to allow flexibility for growth at about 27% impermeable surface. It would transfer about 66 acres to the Town and leave the school with about 20 acres.

The Selectboard agreed that they would prefer Option 3. The School Board meets Wednesday night October 5th. The Town Manager will present the Selectboards' preference to the School Board. Once there is an agreement on the option by both boards, a purchase and sale agreement will be drafted.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of October 4, 2016. Tessier abstained from the vote due to a possible conflict.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Town has received a grant for roadside drainage work to be used on Nuissl Rd, in the amount of $19,172.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign Grant Agreement #BR0068.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Rolland Tessier had a resident in the Sterling Hill area mention silt in the water. Do we know anything about this? No one had heard anything.

Paul White- Are we filing for a grant to fix the fence at Maplewood Cemetery? Elaine Wang said the grant was ready but they had missed the deadline to file. She is working to see if it can still be considered.
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Some members of the Traffic Safety Committee asked about having side line striping on West Rd and is that something the State would help pay for? Carl Rogers says the State does the center line striping but not the side lines.
Jack Mitchell - Jack mentioned that his Birthday is next week and he may or may not be at the Tuesday meeting.
With regards to the white side line striping, he thinks the Traffic Safety Committee should make a recommendation for them to consider if that is what they think should be done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard found; with regards to legal, personnel and contract matters, where premature general knowledge would put the Town at a disadvantage.
On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 8:47 pm.
On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 9:20 pm

ADJOURN
On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:21 pm.

Deborah Lefebvre, Assistant Town Clerk

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard